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Applicant: Anders Berkenstam et al : Paper No.: ____
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For: **Novel Vitamin D Receptor Related Polypeptides, Nucleic Acid Sequence Encloding the Same and Uses Thereof**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 24-28.

Please amend claims 1, 3-9, 12-14, 16, 18, 20-23 and 29-31 as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, delete “, preferably human,”

3. (Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim 1 [or claim 2] encoding the VDRR polypeptide, comprising [containing] a DNA-binding domain (DBD) comprising about 77 amino acids with 9 cysteine residues[,] wherein said DBD [is characterized by] comprises the following amino acid sequence similarity:

- (i) at least 60% amino acid sequence similarity with the DBD of hVDR; and
- (ii) at least 65% amino acid sequence similarity with the DBD of xONR1.

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